

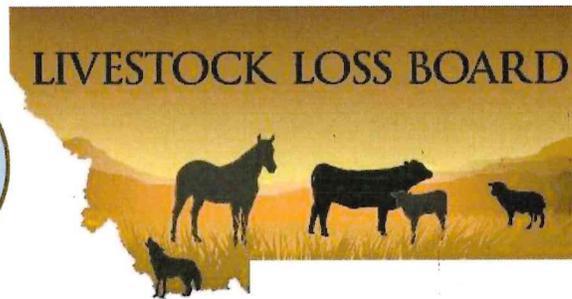
MONTANA LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD

Meeting Minutes

(This Meeting was Open to the Public & By ZOOM)

November 20, 2025

MT Department of Livestock Board Room #319/Helena, MT



Board Members Present

John Sampsel, Chair (Stanford)
Raina Blackman (Wolf Creek)

Jordan Mannix (Helmville)
Doreen Gillespie (Ethridge)

(Joe Kipp attended the meeting by ZOOM. Raina Blackman departed from the meeting at 3:30 PM)

Staff Present

Mike Honeycutt, EO
Lindsey Simon, Agency Legal Counsel
Rick Corder, Centralized Services
Leslie Doely, LLB Program Manager

Brian Simonson, Deputy EO
Donna Wilham, Adm Asst to EO
Tom Shultz, Centralized Services

Public Present

Trina Jo Bradley, Rocky Mountain Front Ranchlands Group
Dalín Tidwell, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services
Ellie Brighton, MSGA
MT Senator Bruce Gillespie

(:09) **1:02 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

(0:12) **1:03 PM INTRODUCTIONS**

(1:30) 1:04 PM – BOARD APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

1:49) 1:04 PM MOTION Doreen Gillespie moved to approve the minutes from the Montana Livestock Loss Board July 28, 2025 meeting. Jordan Mannix seconded. The motion passed.

(2:55) 1:05 PM – CLAIMS AND BUDGET STATUS UPDATE

(27:17) 1:29 PM – USDA Wildlife Services Funding (if available)

Leslie Doely requested that Dalin Tidwell share Wildlife Services' IRs, including the date, county, predator and livestock species to better track where to expect predation claims to come from.

OLD BUSINESS

(52:22) 1:54 PM – RULEMAKING – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(57:57) 2:00 PM – EAGLE DEPREDATION UPDATE

Leslie Doely was tasked with putting together questions for a producer survey and to bring them to the next meeting.

(1:20:17) 2:22 PM RECESS

(1:20:22) 2:33 PM RECONVENE

NEW BUSINESS

(1:20:26) 2:33 PM – GRANT FORM UPDATES

(1:51:18) 3:04 PM MOTION Raina Blackman moved that the Federal funding language restriction be removed from the Livestock Loss Board Grant Application. Doreen Gillespie seconded. The motion passed.

(2:06:55) 3:20 PM MOTION Raina Blackman moved to adopt her requested language changes in the Livestock Loss Prevention Grant Guidelines, as discussed. Jordan Mannix seconded. The motion passed.

(2:17:36) 3:30 PM MOTION Jordan Mannix moved to adopt the 3rd version of the Livestock Loss Board Grant Application as presented by Leslie Doely. Doreen Gillespie seconded. The motion passed.

(2:11:50) 3:25 PM – THIRD PARTY VERIFICATION OF PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES

- It was decided to postpone the Third-Party Verification conversation until the next meeting

(2:18:08) 3:31 PM – SET DATE FOR NEXT AWARD CYCLE

- The second cycle to be scheduled somewhere into May, July or August

(2:23:23) 3:36 PM – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES DISCUSSION – TIMELINESS OF CLAIM SUBMISSIONS

Lindsey Simon and Leslie Doely will bring some ideas together for language and let the LLB consider it at their next meeting.

(2:45:28) 3:58 PM – COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

(2:02:50) 4:16 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

(3:06:22) 4:19 PM MOTION Joe Kipp moved to adjourn the meeting. Jordan Mannix seconded. The motion passed.

(3:06:45) 4:20 PM MEETING ADJOURNED



John Sampsel, Chairman